

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE TUALATIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR **SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

Present:

Mayor Lou Ogden; Council President Monique Beikman; Councilor Wade

Brooksby; Councilor Frank Bubenik; Councilor Joelle Davis; Councilor Ed Truax

Absent:

Councilor Nancy Grimes

Staff Present: City Manager Sherilyn Lombos; City Attorney Sean Brady; Police Chief Kent Barker; Operations Director Dan Boss; Community Development Director Alice Rouyer; Finance Director Don Hudson; Deputy City Manager Sara Singer; Planning Manager Aquilla Hurd-Ravich; Information Services Manager Lance Harris; Associate Planner Cindy Hahn; Engineering Manager Kaaren Hofmann;

Management Analyst Ben Bryant

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Brooksby.

B. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Tualatin Youth Advisory Council Update for September, 2012

The YAC members provided an update for the winners of Tualafest 2012 (the Battle of the Bands at the Crawfish Festival). The YAC members said they have welcomed five new members to the YAC, and they are continuing to interview students to fill their other vacancies. They discussed their upcoming events including Walk and Bike to School Day, the Pumpkin Regatta, the Haunted House and the National League of Cities Conference in Boston. Councilor Beikman said that Walk and Bike to School Day will also be taking place at Byrom Elementary.

2. Tualatin Farmers Market Update

Beth Roach, Melanie Whitt and Jane Morrill presented on behalf of the Tualatin Farmers Market. The Market is in their third year and is seeing stable attendance. They have had a 10 percent increase in vendors and a 10 percent increase in visitors. Ms. Roach introduced the Farmers Market employees, board members, and volunteers who make the market possible. They thanked their sponsors and the City for supporting the market. She also reminded everyone that there are still two Friday's remaining this season to visit the Farmers Market, Mayor Ogden complimented the Market employees, board members and volunteers for their hard work to make the market successful.

3. Transportation Summit

Management Analyst Ben Bryant made an announcement about the Transportation Summit being held on September 20, 2012 at the Tualatin Police Department.

4. Oregon Passenger Rail Open House - September 13th

Management Analyst Ben Bryant announced the upcoming open houses being held to discuss Oregon Passenger Rail. These Open Houses will be held in Lake Oswego and Oregon City. Councilor Davis stated that there is also an online forum open to comment on the Oregon Passenger Rail projects.

5. Employee Introductions - Sean Brady, City Attorney

Matt Warner, Finance Accounting Supervisor

City Manager Lombos introduced the new City Attorney, Sean Brady. The City Council welcomed City Attorney Brady to the Tualatin staff.

Finance Director Hudson introduced the new Accounting Supervisor Matt Warner. The City Council welcomed Matt to the Tualatin staff.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Linda Moholt from the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce and Associate Planner Cindy Hahn announced the selection of Tualatin to participate in the 2012 Job Access Mobility Institute sponsored by the Joblinks Employment Transportation Center of the Community Transportation Association of America. This is a multi-month research, design, and implementation process for creating mobility solutions. Tualatin was chosen as one of seven communities in the nation to participate in the study.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Council President Monique Beikman, SECONDED by Councilor Frank Bubenik to adopt the Consent Agenda as read.

Vote: 6 - 0 MOTION CARRIED

- 1. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and Meeting of August 27, 2012
- Resolution No. <u>5121-12</u> to Adopt an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Tigard-Tualatin School District and the City of Tualatin for the School Resource Officer Program
- 3. Approval of a Change of Ownership Liquor License Application for Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar

E. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Quarterly Financial Update

Finance Director Don Hudson highlighted the recently released 2012/13 Budget in Brief. Finance Director Hudson presented the 4th quarter financial report. The highlights in the report included the completion of the website redesign, progress on the Transportation System Plan update, the progress on the Community Recreation goal, and community engagement. Some accomplishments in the 4th quarter included projects such as the Pohl Center remodel, completion of the RFID Project in the Library, the remodel and repair of the Jurgens Park Sport Court, and the Tualatin-Sherwood Road improvement project.

Finance Director Hudson also provided an update on the PERS actuarial valuation report. Tualatin will find out what the new PERS rates will be at the end of this month. It is expected that the City should anticipate a five percent increase in our rates. Finance Director Hudson explained that the City set up a PERS reserve to accommodate the increase in FY 12/13. These rates have been factored into the fiscal health model.

- F. PUBLIC HEARINGS <u>Legislative or Other</u>
- G. PUBLIC HEARINGS Quasi-Judicial
- H. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - 1. Transportation System Plan (TSP) Work Session Follow-Up and Consideration of Projects to be Presented at the September 20, 2012 Transportation Summit

Mayor Ogden summarized the earlier City Council Work Session discussion regarding the Refinement Areas to be forward to the September 20th Transportation Summit. Public comment was received at the Work Session. There was a large majority of people who spoke in opposition to the bridge for the Hall Blvd. Extension for North-South connectivity.

Delores Hurtado, Tualatin, OR: Ms. Hurtado stated that she spoke with Councilor Grimes earlier today about the concerns related to the Hall Blvd. Extension Project. She said Councilor Grimes also expressed concerns about the project.

Cathy Holland, Tualatin, OR: Ms. Holland stated that she also shared the environmental concerns on the Hall Blvd. Extension project. She said that her view was a bit different that what had already been stated. The reason she is urging the Council to drop this project tonight is so that the community has the opportunity to expand the transit base and the work that has been happening on Linking Tualatin. By dropping this project, it increases the congestion and increases the need for transit. She said we should be putting resources into transit similar to our neighbors in Wilsonville. She explained that there are funding sources available for transit, and it does not necessarily have to be high capacity transit. She urged the Council to drop this project and work towards supporting transit.

Kathy Newcomb, Tualatin, OR: Ms. Newcomb stated that she wanted to add to her comments from Work Session regarding transit. She said that the new PGE building is working to achieve LEED certification for their building. She explained that they are missing criteria because there is no transit offered on Tualatin-Sherwood Road.

Reba Tobey, Tualatin, OR: Ms. Tobey stated that she supports most everything that was said at the Work Session. She explained that if the Hall Blvd. Extension goes through it could change the Tualatin community character. She stated that she does not want to see another road cutting through the community.

Christopher Nelson, Tualatin, OR: Mr. Nelson stated that after all of the meetings he has attended related to the TSP, people have continually voted down the Hall Blvd. Extension Project.

The Council had discussion on the topic and discussed the opportunities for public involvement and timeline for adoption of the plan.

Councilor Davis stated that she remains in opposition to the Hall Blvd. Extension Project. Mayor Ogden stated that he has seen no modeling of the 160 projects on the list with the bridge or without the bridge. He said that he has no sense of what these projects do for mobility, and he would like to see what the model and data shows with the bridge and without the bridge. Councilor Brooksby stated that he agrees with Councilor Davis and is opposed to the project because the project cost is expensive. Councilor Brooksby said this could also be evaluated again in 10 years.

MOTION by Councilor Frank Bubenik, SECONDED by Councilor Joelle Davis to proceed without forwarding the Hall Boulevard Extension Project to the Transporation Summit.

Vote: 5 - 1 MOTION CARRIED

Nay: Mayor Lou Ogden

Other: Councilor Nancy Grimes (Absent)

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

J. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS

Council President Beikman announced that she will be serving on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Selection Committee

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

L. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilor Joelle Davis, SECONDED by Councilor Frank Bubenik to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Vote: 6 - 0 MOTION CARRIED

Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

Sara Singer / Recording Secretary



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To: Members of Tualatin City Council

From: Dolores Hurtado dohurtad@hevanet.com

Dear Councilors:

I am counting on you to recognize that the concept of running a roadway from Hall Street south adjoining the WES Track along Tualatin Road and joining up with Boones Ferry Road has so many critical problems that it could easily be designated as judicrous.

Here are some of the most critical drawbacks:

It will have a very high price tag because it will require a bridge over the Tualatin River and will also traverse some portion of wetlands west of the WES tracks;

It will also cross two railroad tracks in the center of Tualatin, requiring some kind of special treatment and adding to to the costs and congestion at these crossings;

It will Increase the amount of traffic congestion in downtown Tualatin as it joins up with Boones Ferry Road at one of the most highly traveled intersections in the City:

It will run alongside the WES track at the same time that we are trying to encourage use of that line as an alternative to driving:

It will introduce noxious car and truck exhaust to the Tualatin Greenway Trail in Tualatin Community Park which is directly across the WES track from this proposed new roadway. The Tualatin Greenway Trail carries thousands of <u>blcylists and pedestrians a month who use it for commuting as well as for recreation.</u> A recent survey showed an average of about 27,000 trips per month.

If the City is truly considering how to best serve our population in the coming decades with reasonable methods of getting where we want to go, I believe the Council should be searching for alternatives to get our workers, commuters, elderly and students out of cars and into efficient public modes of transportation. Further research should be applied to study of cities like Wilsonville, Corvallis and others who manage to serve their transportation needs without adding more roads and pollution. I believe this is the challenge the City should be looking toward and I urge you not to add this particularly problematic roadway to the Transportation Plan..



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CONCERNS ABOUT THE NORTH/SOUTH CONNECTIVITY, OPTION 1.

Opposition to North/South Connectivity, Option 1. Request to City council members: Please all vote against this "Refinement." The proper time for such a vote would be during the council meeting. From Kathy Newcomb, city resident. 503-692-5227 after 10 a.m.

- 1. The Goals for the Transportation System Plan are not being met by this "Refinement," the "N/S Connectivity, Option 1."
- 2. Approving the N/S Connectivity concept would eventually result in a regional arterial from Cedar Hills Boulevard to Wilsonville (beginning on Hall Boulevard at Cedar Hills Boulevard, continuing to 85th and Durham in Tigard, continuing south on the N/S Connectivity, following Tualatin Road to Boones Ferry Road, and following Boones Ferry Road to Wilsonville). Establishing regional arterials using Tualatin streets never was part of the Goals.
- 3. I would add that, somehow, instead of working on improving livability and traffic problems for people in Tualatin, a huge amount of time, energy and money was wasted promoting the North/South Connectivity, Option 1 using and <u>ABUSING</u> Tualatin as a <u>throughway for regional traffic</u>. Please remember that this arterial would duplicate WES, a recent investment of \$133,000,000. NO DUPLICATION, please.
- 4. New and substantial traffic congestion would be the result, especially at the junction of Boones Ferry Road turning West at Tualatin Road. Just picture evening rush hour at that junction with the I-5 traffic meeting the Hall Boulevard traffic!

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- 5. With respect to the "CONCEPT"* of sending the N/S Connectivity west behind the Police Station and then north between the Police Station and the Tualatin History Center (then north to Chinook, east to Celilo and north to the River), that seems an utter waste of consultant time and highly inappropriate.
- (6. I do not remember whether the Tualatin Historic Center is part of the parklands. If it is, then the 68-foot wide impact of the proposed arterial would possibly be subject to a city-charter vote. Also, I cannot imagine that such an arterial would be appropriately accommodating to police traffic in and out of their northern parking lot.)

^{*} The Concept as verified by city employees.



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